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### GSA ORDER

SUBJECT: National Environmental Policy Act

1. Purpose. This order implements the statement requirement in section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190, January 1, 1970) and section 2 of Executive Order No. 11514 of March 5, 1970 (35 F.R. 4247).

2. Background.

a. Section 102(2)(C) of the Act provides that all agencies of the Federal Government shall include a detailed statement by the responsible official in every recommendation or statement on proposals for legislation and other major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Interim Guidelines for the preparation of statements were issued on April 30, 1970, by the Council on Environmental Quality. A copy is included with this order as Appendix A.

b. Federal Supply Service programs do not involve individual major actions significantly affecting the quality of human environment within the meaning of the Act. However, consistent with the policy of the Act, consideration is to be given to provisions which sustain the quality of the environment in connection with the development and maintenance of Federal Specifications and Standards relating to products.

c. It is deemed appropriate to provide consolidated statements on actions taken in the development and maintenance of Federal Specifications and Standards intended to assure quality of environment considerations.

3. Applicability. This order applies to the Federal Specifications and Standards activities of the Federal Supply Service.

4. Requirement for Statements. Quarterly statements shall be prepared regarding the Federal Specifications and Standards activities of FSS which collectively constitute "major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment," i. e., actions which reduce or eliminate pollution. Individual specifications activities are not deemed to be sufficiently significant to warrant the preparation of

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separate statements. By way of illustration, the statement should include changes in specifications designed to remove phosphates from detergents, and lead from gasoline. Statements shall be prepared with due consideration for the provisions of the Interim Guidelines, Appendix A.

5. Submission of statements. The Assistant Commissioner for Standards and Quality Control shall prepare the statements required by par. 4 of this order. Beginning with the statement for January 1, 1971, the statements shall be forwarded by the first of January, April, July, and October each year, through the Commissioner, Federal Supply Service, to the Deputy Administrator for submission to the Council on Environmental Quality.



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